

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to SR 570:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for comprehensive immigration reform and requesting that the United  
2 States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair and ineffective immigration  
3 policies; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of  
5 the great State of Georgia and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life of  
7 our country and our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform policies must recognize the contribution of  
9 newcomers, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their families play in  
10 the future growth of our cities, state, and nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and international  
12 businesses, and efforts to recruit international visitors and businesses must be supported; and

13 WHEREAS, in order to best ensure our nation's security, our immigration enforcement  
14 measures must be effective and fair; and

15 WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform should provide legally present and  
16 law-abiding immigrant workers and their families with an opportunity to obtain permanent  
17 residency, and eventually United States citizenship, through an earned legalization program  
18 with fair, efficient, and reasonable requirements, and such a program should also include  
19 provisions to reunify families and reduce the immigration family backlog; and

20 WHEREAS, it is necessary that legislation aimed to reform immigration laws actively further  
21 the civic integration of newcomers by promoting naturalization and making more resources  
22 available for English-as-a-Second-Language and civics instruction; and

23 WHEREAS, any legislation considered must address the fundamental cause of immigration  
24 to the United States, which is the need for sustainable social, economic, and political  
25 development in the communities where immigrants originate.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 request that the United States Congress reject any legislative efforts to enact unfair,  
28 inefficient, and ineffective immigration policies.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body request that the United States  
30 Congress enact comprehensive immigration reform that addresses all of the important above  
31 stated facts and issues.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia  
34 congressional delegation.